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GRATIFYING

In spite of continually reducing income, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions closed its fiscal year on August 31st with a balanced budget, for the first time in six years. There is still a debt of $136,000.00, which had accumulated in previous years, but this debt is less than half of that a year ago, the reduction being made by the sale of properties and securities. This is all very gratifying, but one must not lose sight of the more than one hundred missionaries called home, of salaries reduced, of schools abandoned, and social and medical work withdrawn.

Rev. Hubert C. Herring, D.D.

BACK TO CHINA

Rev. and Mrs. George W. Hinman left San Francisco Sunday, September 30th, for an extended visit in Japan and China. Mr. Hinman served seventeen years on the coast as District Secretary of the American Missionary Association, and Mrs. Hinman was a member of the Women's Board of Missions for the Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Hinman go out as associate missionaries of the American Board to their old field at Foochow, China. They left China 27 years ago, and have been asked to return by the Chinese president of the board of directors of Foochow College, to assist in promoting interest and support for the college, especially among the older alumni. Mr. and Mrs. Hinman go out without expense to the Board, and are hoping to bring Foochow College to self support through the contributions of individuals, Chinese and American, so as to relieve the Board from the necessity of making annual appropriations. Mr. Hinman's long experience with Japanese and Chinese church work on the Pacific Coast is to have a fitting climax in visits to the returned immigrants from Japan and China, with whom he worked in the Oriental missions. Many of his former associates are now occupying prominent positions of leadership in Christian work in Japan and China.

Seventy-eighth Annual Meeting

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE

and Fall Meeting

FEDERATION OF CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Post and Mason Streets — San Francisco, California

OCTOBER 16-18, 1934

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 Service of Worship: *"The Seriousness of Sin."*
Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Oakland

2:30 Business. Appointment of committees, announcements, etc.

2:45 Address: *"Religion in a Time Like This."* Rev. Carl S. Patton, Berkeley

3:15 Introduction of Guests and Delegations.
Roll Call of Churches, with brief statement concerning each church by the Superintendent.

4:00 Business. Reports (See Agenda).

5:00 **Meetings of Associations.**
Registrars and Moderators will please arrange for room in advance with pastor of entertaining church.

TUESDAY EVENING

7:30 Worship Service. Music by choir of First Congregational Church.
Sermon: *"Risking the Consequences."* Rev. J. H. Bennett, Campbell
Address: *"Religion's Role in Days of Social Change."*
Rev. Hubert C. Herring, New York

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:30 **Round Table:** *"The Council for Social Action; an Interpretation."*
Rev. Hubert C. Herring
General discussion.

11:00 Business.
Memorial from Modoc Association, asking Conference to provide for ministerial standing, and recommendations of Credentials Committee regarding licensing and ordaining of ministers. (See Agenda for other items.)

12:00 Service of Worship: *"The Passion for Goodness."*
Rev. Clarence Reidenbach

(Program for Federation Fall Meeting, see page 4)

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (For Men)

2:30 **Round Table for Ministers and Laymen.** (The Church Parlor)
"How shall the local church and the minister face specific problems in local communities, such as strikes, interference with free speech, and militaristic demonstrations?"
Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Sacramento, presiding
Rev. Hubert C. Herring, New York. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, Tulare. Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Berkeley. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, San Francisco.
General Discussion.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:30 Music by entire student body of Chinese Union Christian Academy. (Hip Wo School).
Address and Report: *"The Faith of Our Fathers Faces New Frontiers."*
Rev. Harley H. Gill
Music by the choir of Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco.
Address: *"Behind the 'Seens' in Europe."*
Rev. Walter John Sherman, Oakland

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THREE NOTABLE DAYS

STATE CONFERENCE, SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 16, 17 and 18, 1934

VISITATIONS

The church by church visitation is well under way as the Pacific goes to press. About thirty-five people gathered on Monday, September 17th, at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, for a day of training under the leadership of Rev. Helen Street Ranney and Rev. Hugh Vernon White. Teams of three, consisting of pastors, laymen and women, will have completed the visiting of more than forty churches by the tenth of October.

In addition to the evening visitations, Mrs. Ranney and Dr. White have filled a number of preaching engagements. From northern California they will go to the Southern Conference for several weeks, Mrs. Ranney then returning to the middle west and Dr. White going to Oregon and Washington.

Following the State Conference about twenty additional churches will be visited by teams of our own leaders. Reports are reaching the office of the very great help which has come to the churches by these friendly "conversations," where the common problems of our local churches and our mission boards are discussed. Following is a list of those who have served as leaders up to the present time:

Rev. Gail Cleland, Alameda.
Rev. Benjamin Gould, San Jose.
Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, San Francisco.
Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, Petaluma.
Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Sacramento.
Rev. Noel J. Breed, Stockton.
Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Berkeley.
Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Oakland.
Rev. E. T. Sherman, Lodi.
Rev. J. H. McCartney, San Leandro.
Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, Berkeley.
Rev. Harley H. Gill, San Francisco.
Rev. Hugh Vernon White, Boston.
Rev. Helen Street Ranney, Chicago.
Rev. Herman F. Swartz, Berkeley.
Mr.. George S. Martin, Berkeley.
Mr. E. B. Mead, Berkeley.
Mr. Arthur W. Moore, Oakland.
Mr. F. H. Seely, Oakland.
Mr. Robert E. Stone, Oakland.
Mr. C. T. Tinker, San Francisco.
Dr. E. R. Wagner, San Jose.
Mrs. L. M. Drury, Stockton.
Mrs. A. V. Dunn, Sacramento.
Mrs. Raymond Fuller, Stockton.
Mrs. Frank J. Greene, Petaluma.
Mrs. James Hazlett, San Francisco.
Mrs. Chester Marliave, Berkeley.
Mrs. C. T. Tinker, San Francisco.
Mrs. E. B. Mead, Berkeley.
Mrs. J. T. Richards, Saratoga.
Mrs. Henry Dodge, Oakland.
Mrs. J. M. Burk, Berkeley.

Rev. Benjamin St. John, whose injury was reported in the last issue of the **Pacific,** has improved and is now living in Palo Alto. His resignation from the Woodside church rounds out a ministry of considerably more than fifty years. His friends agree that no one is more entitled to rest and relief from labor than he, and join in wishing him many years of happy and active life.

Our heartfelt congratulations go to Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur on the birth of a daughter, September 8th.

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Glenn Corbin Ordained

On Thursday, September 13th, a council of churches and ministers gathered at Angels Camp in response to the invitation of the church at that place and also of the church at Murphy, for the purpose of examining and ordaining the new pastor, Mr. Glenn H. Corbin.

Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton was made moderator, and Rev. Stewart E. Locke of San Francisco the scribe. Mr. Corbin presented credentials from the University of Illinois and the Pacific School of Religion, and then proceeded to read a paper setting forth not only his beliefs but a description of a very definite and compelling religious experience.

The council voted unanimously and enthusiastically to ordain. The sermon was preached by Rev. Herman F. Swartz of Pacific School of Religion, the Scripture was read by Rev. E. L. Spuller of Ripon, Rev. Noel J. Breed offered the ordaining prayer, Professor G. T. Tolson gave the charge to the minister, Rev. Harley H. Gill gave the charge to the people, and Rev. R. N. England extended the right hand of fellowship.

This was probably the first ordination held in Calaveras County in many, many years. The church was well filled and many people spoke enthusiastically of the work being done by the pastor and his wife.

CHURCH COUNCIL LAUNCHED

The long contemplated interdenominational state-wide California Church Council will be launched November 9th, in a special meeting in the First Methodist Church of Los Angeles. Representatives from twenty or more denominations are expected to be in attendance. Dr. Tully Knoles, president of the College of the Pacific, and Dr. James Myers of New York are the speakers announced. Ten representatives from each participating denomination are invited to share in the original Council organization.

The annual meeting of the California State Church Federation will be held in the forenoon of the same day and in the same building.

ANNIVERSARY

Rev. William J. Minchin, former superintendent of the Conference, is now living in Claremont, and has become a great booster for Pilgrim Place. Recently, he and Mrs. Minchin celebrated their fortieth anniversary and had open house, with over a hundred people in attendance during the day.

(State Conference Program, continued from page 1)

THURSDAY MORNING

9:30 **SECTION MEETINGS.**

(a) **Christian Education** (Young People's Room, Downstairs)
"Best Material for Teaching" Mr. Lawton Harris, Oakland, presiding
Speaker: Rev. Sanford Fleming, Berkeley.
General discussion.

(b) **Re-Studying Missions.** (Missionary Room, Downstairs)
Mrs. Gail Cleland, Alameda, presiding
"Orientals in the Far East." Rev. Harvey Hugh Guy
"Orientals in America." Rev. Frank Herron Smith, Berkeley
General discussion.

(c) **The Church on the Job.** (The Church Parlor)
"Best Methods of Organization." Rev. Thomas T. Giffen

11:00 Fraternal Greetings from Southern California.

11:15 Special Music.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Leader, Rev. Benjamin Gould, San Jose

12:00 Service of Worship: *"Reaching for Righteousness."*
Rev. Clarence Reidenbach

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

2:30 **Brief Stories of Things That Interest Us:**
"Plymouth House at U. C." Rev. R. R. Morgan
"Asilomar Young People's Conference" Mr. Louis Neumann
"The California Council of Churches" Rev. Ralph W. Bayless

2:50 Business. Election of officers, reports, etc. (See Agenda).

4:30 **Meeting of New Board of Directors for Organization.**

THURSDAY EVENING

6:30 **CONFERENCE DINNER.**
Toastmaster: Mr. B. M. Benson, Fresno.
Community Singing, led by Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, Berkeley.
Address: *"The Fine Art of Understanding."*
Rev. Hubert C. Herring, New York
Address: *"Foundations for World Civilization."*
Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, Claremont

(Reservations for the dinner—price 50c—should be made in advance with the office of the First Congregational Church, Post and Mason Streets, San Francisco; telephone KEarny 7862. Tickets must be secured not later than Wednesday. As the number is limited, order early.)

Information concerning the Conference may be had from Rev. Harley H. Gill, Superintendent, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

Pilgrim Fellowship for Young People

The idea of the Pilgrim Fellowship has met with hearty response throughout the nation. Northern California, during the summer Asilomar conference, laid foundations for state and association organizations of the Fellowship. Many other states are also leading out. A Council for the National Pilgrim Fellowship is being created, composed of one young person and the official adult from those states in which there are Congregational-Christian units. A digest of helpful suggestions for counsellors and officers of associational and state Fellowships has been prepared and is available through the Young People's Department, 14 Beacon St., Boston. (Ask for "Pilgrim Fellowship Flashes.")

Numerous questions are being asked regarding the use of the name, "The Pilgrim Fellowship," in local young people's organizatins. There is no objection to this. But the original purpose of the Fellowship idea was to use it as a designation for united company of Christian Endeavor societies, Comrades of the Way, church school classes, independent societies and clubs. That is, it is a name to designate the regional and national purposes of Congregational-Christian young people. Therefore, there has been no attempt to standardize the form of the organization in the local church. But there is a **Pilgrim Program** which is being recommended to all local groups which are part of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

This program has three main divisions. The first is the Ten-Point Working Plan—a practical standard for building and carrying on a local program. The second part of the program consists of the new materials for the Sunday evening meetings, the new series of Christian Life units. The Ten-Point Plan and the new series of topics are included in Bulletin 51. (Five cents from Young People's Dept.) The list for the first part of 1935 will be printed in Bulletin 52, which should be issued in December.

The third part of the program consists of seasonal activities described each month in "The Pilgrim Highroad," in the first page of the section headed, "The Pilgrim Program for this Month." Sample copies may be had from the Pilgrim Press, Boston.

The Pilgrim Fellowship is in process of being **grown.** It is expected that at least two hundred local church groups will seek to answer the question, "For what should this national Pilgrim Fellowship work—on what Platform shall it take its stand?" Each local church group will in some measure determine what the answer shall be. Multigraphed helps will be provided local leaders who will agree to spend approximately a month on this problem and who will report their findings to the Young People's Department in Boston. The conclusions of these Platform Builders will be summarized, referred to the Council, and then re-referred to the summer conferences of 1935 for final study and vote.

SOME BETTER

Thankful for small favors! That is the way the Conference and Boards feel because of the showing made in September. There was an improvement in receipts over September a year ago, but, as noticed at the bottom of this column, on September 30 this year we were still $1,300 behind the corresponding date a year ago, for the first nine months of the year. We are now entering upon the last quarter of the year, the critical period, in which it will finally be determined whether or not there will be increased deficits or further shrinkage of work, or whether the tide has turned and we can go forward.

	Sept. 1 to Sept. 30, 1934	Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, 1934	Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, 1933
Adin	$ 9.15	$ 98.19	$ 60.43
Alameda	122.10	190.41	98.81
Alturas	——	13.00	8.50
Angels Camp	20.00	45.00	40.00
Antioch	——	21.76	19.77
Auburn	——	20.00	18.50
Benicia	——	27.00	7.00
Berkeley:			
First	645.00	5,160.50	5,161.00
North	125.00	407.00	571.30
Park	——	57.20	35.35
Campbell	——	160.00	190.00
Ceres	——	33.56	39.54
Cloverdale	2.93	44.40	73.16
Cotati	——	41.00	55.45
Crockett	44.39	66.64	54.95
Eureka	25.00	151.00	55.05
Fairfax	15.00	70.00	60.00
Ferndale	——	137.26	250.55
Fowler	——	10.00	10.00
Fresno:			
First	124.76	471.96	121.60
Pilgrim	——	9.25	——
Glen Ellen	——	1.00	——
Kenwood	——	17.15	16.13
Likely	——	1.32	——
Lodi, First	——	380.00	592.00
Martinez	——	32.50	22.10
Murphy	——	40.00	40.00
Oakland:			
Calvary	5.00	10.00	——
First	500.00	3,025.75	4,136.45
Fruitvale	——	11.00	4.00
Pilgrim	——	5.00	——
Plymouth	150.00	460.75	578.50
Oroville	50.00	150.00	——
Pacific Grove	18.35	260.00	253.45
Palo Alto	——	410.00	625.00
Paradise	30.00	70.00	53.00
Petaluma	212.05	570.57	463.17
Pittsburg	——	32.50	34.88
Porterville	10.00	29.50	15.00
Redwood City	100.00	275.00	335.00
Reedley, Finnish	——	14.00	——
Ripon	5.00	52.50	45.00
Sacramento	170.45	477.50	606.45
Salida	——	20.00	7.00
San Carlos	——	25.00	——
San Francisco:			
Bethany Miss.-Pk.	125.00	241.63	140.50
Calvary Armenian	——	——	10.00
First	17.10	597.83	937.05
Ocean View	——	22.00	10.00
Richmond	——	9.50	33.00
San Jose	75.00	510.00	553.95
San Leandro:			
Broadmoor	14.57	140.15	——
San Rafael	——	31.50	——
Santa Cruz	——	390.00	426.00
Santa Rosa	13.70	111.56	135.64
Saratoga	——	225.00	250.00
Sebastopol	14.16	148.88	99.51
Sonoma	——	37.15	65.00
Soquel	20.00	38.00	14.00
Stockton	31.18	469.60	502.29
Suisun	——	47.00	30.00
Sunol	——	30.00	——
Sunnyvale	——	——	11.90
Tulare	——	185.00	160.00
Weaverville	——	48.77	38.75
Woodside	——	36.50	73.00
Reno, Nev.	23.65	205.94	257.86
Miscellaneous	——	308.85	250.39
	$2,718.52	$17,441.33	$18,756.93

REV. C. W. HILL

Rev. C. W. Hill, who at one time served as pastor within the bounds of the Northern California Conference, passed to his reward at La Mesa on August 14th. He would have been eighty-six years of age at his next birthday. His pastorates in northern California were in San Jose, Berkeley, and Benicia. He is survived by five children and twelve grand children. He had resided in La Mesa for the past twenty-four years.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

AMBROSE. Believe it or not—one new church building has been erected during these months of depression, and is very nearly paid for. A very attractive edifice has been built, largely by the hands of the members and friends of the church, and a simple but impressive dedication service took place on Sunday evening, September 30.th Rev. C. C. Champlin of Pittsburg and Rev. Harvey V. Miller of Martinez with goodly numbers from their churches were present and participated.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, and Mr. Raymond L. Cramer, who organized the church and led it in this enterprise, shared with his people in the act of dedication.

The church is a stucco building, with a neat tower, surmounted by an attractive illuminated cross. In addition to the auditorium, there is a kitchen and class room. It is expected that when final report is made the only outstanding obligations will be to the Congregational Church Building Society.

One feature of the service which was not so pleasant was the announcement by the pastor that he had accepted work in southern California under the auspices of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and was therefore severing his connection with the church, in the organization of which he was largely responsible. He carries with him the deep affection of the people of this community and also of Port Chicago.

REDWOOD CITY. Seven "Loyalty" weeks with seven big Sundays have been announced by Rev. Norman W. Pendleton. Following a loyalty dinner on the first Wednesday of October, there will be "Roll Call Sunday," "Neighbors' Sunday," "Men and Religion Sunday." "Stewardship Sunday," "Allegiance Sunday," and "New Members Sunday." Goals to be reached for Thanksgiving have been adopted for all organizations and departments.

RENO, NEV. A very happy week was spent by this church in entertaining Rev. C. L. Mears of LaJolla, who was pastor in Reno from 1903 to 1910. Mr. Mears and the pastor, Rev. William Moll Case, visited nearly fifty homes together. About 700 people attended the two services on Sunday. Mr. Mears reports that Mr. and Mrs. Case are giving splendid leadership to the church and the city.

KENWOOD and GLEN ELLEN. Wholesome social life is emphasized. Frequent teas and luncheons are given by the ladies, which do much to unify the communities. Missionary education is planned for the coming year. Dignified worship and helpful preaching service are maintained. Emphasis is laid upon the observance of special days throughout the year. Rev. Frank E. Boren is pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. Nearly the entire cost of renovating the parsonage, which was described in last month's issue, is paid, a small balance being carried by two members of the church board, without interest. The pastor, Rev. George E. Atkinson, has just closed his fifth year and reports the best record in benevolences and admissions on confession of faith during his leadership of the church.

ALTURAS. A thoroughgoing canvass for the support of the church is about to be undertaken. A team of visitors will call and secure pledges for home expenses and benevolences, and where a person does not pledge for missions a cent-a-meal box will be left. A series of sermons diagnosing the time and calculated to arouse the interest of the community and the loyalty o the people has been announced by the pastor, Rev. John K. Ballou. The Women's Missionary Society of this church has definitely undertaken the looking after of our Indian work. Boxes of clothing and toys may be sent to the pastor for distribution.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. H. M. Hovagimian, who has served as pastor of the church for several months, has been called for a period of three years, beginning with the end of October. After three months' trial, the church paper is to be continued. Attendance at Sunday School, junior Christian Endeavor, senior Christian Endeavor, prayer meeting, and services of worship has greatly increased. Two new members have been added on confession of faith and two by letter during the past month.

OROVILLE. The Church School has been departmentalized, with a leader for each department. The choir has nearly a capacity membership. Seventy-five women were present at the first fall meeting of the Women's Association. Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer is the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. A plan to wipe out an accumulated debt on current expenses, which seems possible of carrying through, has been adopted and has aroused much enthusiasm in the church. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON HOUSE. The fiscal year of the Fellowship House closed on August 31st, with all bills paid, including the purchase of 25 new hymnals. Four hundred seventy-six meetings had been held in the house during the year, with a total attendance of 12,000 present. A canvass of the community is in progress for next year's budget. A second Camp Fire Girls' group has been organized. The new Women's Association has a membership of more than fifty, and recently gave a party which was attended by over two hundred women. Mr. John H. Gregg is in charge of the house.

SARATOGA. Two new floor heaters have been installed in the social rooms of the church, the gift of the Women's Auxiliary. During the spring a series of mid-week discussions was held, using Weatherhead's book, "His Life and Ours." During the summer the pastor, Rev. Burton M. Palmer, gave object talks to the boys and girls, reaching some adults as well. During the autumn both young people and adults are studying Japan by means of the missionary education books.

LODI. Promotion and rally day were observed by the Sunday School on September 30th. Following the morning service, the congregation assembled on the lawn to witness the dedication of an evergreen tree to the memory of those in the church who had passed to the great beyond after years of faithful service.

PETALUMA. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, pastor, has planned a rally dinner for the opening of the fall program, with Rev. Carl S. Patton as speaker. A roll call of members and communion service will occur on the first Sunday of October.

FOR BETTER, CLEANER MOVIES

The Social Relations Committee of the State Conference unanimously recommends to churches the serious consideration of joining in the Federation Council enrollment for better movies. Protestants, through the medium of the Federal Council, are giving moral support to the same movement which our Catholic friends have been sponsoring to eliminate indecent films. A "Declaration of Purpose," which is more suitable for Protestant churches than the Pledge of Decency which was advanced by our Catholic friends, is now being circulated among our churches.

The Committee on Social Relations further suggests to the pastors of all our churches that they might make special emphasis on Sunday, October 21st, which is the day set apart for the purpose by the Federal Council. Factual data for sermons or announcements will be mailed to pastors as soon as available. The "Declaration of Purpose" appears below.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

I wish to join with other Protestants, co-operating with Catholic and Jews, in condemning vile and unwholesome moving pictures. I unite with all who protest against them as a grave menace to youth, to home life, to country, and to religion.

I condemn absolutely those salacious motion pictures which, with other degrading agencies, are corrupting public morals and promoting a sex mania in our land.

I shall do all that I can to arouse public opinion against the portrayal of vice as a normal condition of affairs, and against depicting criminals of any class as heroes and heroines, presenting their filthy philosophy of life as something acceptable to decent men and women.

I unite with all who condemn the display of suggestive advertisements on billboards, at theatre entrances and the favorable notice given to immoral motion pictures.

CONSIDERING THESE EVILS, I DECLARE MY PURPOSE TO REMAIN AWAY FROM ALL MOTION PICTURES WHICH OFFEND DECENCY AND CHRISTIAN MORALITY. I WILL TRY TO INDUCE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.

I make this protest in a spirit of self-respect and with the conviction that the American public does not demand filthy pictures, but clean entertainment and educational features.

Name .....

Address .....

(After signing hand to your pastor or mail to the editor of the Pacific)

WOODSIDE. Rev. Benjamin St. John, who has served this church for many years, has submitted his resignation and it has been regretfully accepted. Mr. St. John will make his home for a time in Palo Alto. The church has unanimously called Rev. Victor H. Morgan of Burlingame, who will shortly move onto the field and take up the work. Mr. Morgan was formerly an Episcopalian minister but was received into the Santa Clara Association one year ago. The Woodside church is looking forward to splendid progress under his leadership.

SANTA CRUZ. The Congregational Women's Club of the church has installed in the church kitchen a large restaurant range, which they placed at a cost of $225. The installation of the new organ several years ago at a cost of $6,000 is cleared of all debt. It was raised by the same women. The trustees of the church have placed a heating system in the parsonage at a cost of over $400. At the rally day for Sunday School the attendance reached 283. Rev. H. S. Mahood, pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. A Home Coming banquet was held Wednesday evening, September 12th, with 150 members and friends gathered for a great meeting of music, furnished by the Serenaders. A dozen members of the church gave short talks on "What North Church Means to Me." The following Sunday was observed by a Home Coming service of worship. Mr. George S. Martin was general chairman of the Home Coming plan. Rev. E. W. Benedict is the pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. The Women's Missionary Society opened the fall season with a luncheon, the president, Mrs. Spencer White, giving interesting experiences of missionary work in Korea. Miss Lois Martin, a member of this church, has been re-elected president of the Bi-County Christian Endeavor Union. The pastor, Rev. John H. Hunter, and his wife entertain the young people for dinner once a month.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Mr. Gwnfi Jones, popular radio singer, has been secured as choir director. Rev. T. T. Giffen, pastor, has been enjoying a few days of visit and rest with old friends in Fresno. During his absence the pulpit has been supplied by Rev. Carl S. Patton, Rev. J. J. Jones, Rev. W. Wallace Furze, and Rev. Harley H. Gill.

PITTSBURG. A visitation evangelism campaign was conducted in this community for one week by Dr. Earl Kernahan. Twenty-eight persons have thus far been received into the church, and the number will probably reach forty within the next week or two. Rev. C. C. Champlin, the pastor, is enthusiastic for this plan of evangelism.

PACIFIC SCHOOL of RELIGION
PREPARES for the RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS
BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins

No Executive Board Meeting in October

A Good Beginning

Over one hundred women attended the September meeting of the Federation, and from the moment the meeting was called to order by our President, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, until the last words of the Mizpah benediction died away, the deepest interest was manifested by all present.

Mrs. Greene gave glowing accounts of her visit to Modoc County with Mrs. Chester Marliave, Rev. E. T. Sherman, and Dr. Gill. She stressed the marvelous co-operation of the women, their determination to meet any and all the plans the Federation might suggest, and successfully carry them through, and added that they should be an inspiration to all of us. We send our heartiest congratulations and good wishes to Modoc County women and thank them for their example of loyalty and courage.

Dr. Ball on Social Action

Our next speaker was Dr. Carleton R. Ball of the Bureau of Public Administration of the University of California. His subject was "Social Action as the Basis of Missionary Effort," and his talk was most revealing. He first read the resolution passed in Oberlin, showing the churches' determination to follow Christ's teachings and make the abundant life available to all men everywhere, and then proceeded to outline what had been done in that direction since Christ had first expounded His doctrine.

As he painted vivid mental pictures of bloodshed, violence, self-seeking, and various alignments for profit, engaged in by our forebears and still practiced, though possibly touched up with a bit of modern veneer and subtlety, one could visualize what opposition the Christ would meet today; yes, even a similar, if not more difficult, reactionary opposition than He had faced 1900 years ago.

Even when rulers like Constantine accepted Christianity, it was a case of his capturing Christianity, not being captured by the teachings and principles of the Christ. He continued in the same old ways of war and strife, concealing them with the cloak of Christianity.

During the Inquisition, Spain alone, in the name of religion, burned 32,000 at the stake, and punished over 30,000 more by torture and final death, for the church was rich and all powerful while the common people had nothing. And when the Reformation dawned little was gained by them. Passing on down through the ages and crossing the seas, we find the people of New England, who had left their mother country to avoid persecution, urged by Cotton Mather to destroy a boat load of Quakers (differing from them in faith) for the "glory of God," and, incidentally, to increase their treasury. Witchcraft also prevailed and innocent people were persecuted and hanged. What horrors have been perpetrated, O religion, in thy name and that of the lowly Jesus, who went about doing good!

And today what is the attitude of the Church toward those in its ranks who have betrayed public trusts and ruined thousands of people? For one hundred years our missionaries, home and foreign, have had a glorious record of achievement, of notable deeds of service and self-sacrifice. Now, however, the whole world knows what is going on in its remotest part, and that so-called Christian nations are anything but Christlike, seeking to profit by opium sales and other sordid means, while sending out missionaries to convert the people they are exploiting. Christ's last prayer was for unity, "that they may be one," yet we have 212 kinds of Protestant religions in the United States and are constantly adding to the number. If we at home cannot get together, how can we expect those on the field to attain such ends?

Is it any wonder that in Russia we see the churches the first institutions to be given up? They stood for greed and power and meant nothing in the daily lives of the people. How much do they mean in our lives? When little children not five years of age work in our cotton mills of the South, where they are beaten to be kept awake at their work during eight and ten hours of the day, when sweat shops are flourishing in our own fair state in basements and under the most unsanitary conditions within a stone's throw of our well cared for children and churches, and when only twenty states are interested enough to ratify the Child Labor Amendment to remedy these conditions, is it any wonder that the man of the street or many others have little respect or use for the church? What can we do about these things? Dr. Ball offered five suggestions, five F's: Find out the facts; Face them; Filter them; Focus attention on them; and then Follow them.

At the close of Dr. Ball's address Miss Louane Leech, of the Petaluma Library, gave a most fitting reading of Zona Gale's "Two Carpenters." The story was not only beautifully rendered, but was like a benediction coming at the close of a busy day.

Mrs. H. N. Hobart of Sacramento closed the morning session with a helpful devotional service.

MRS. RANNEY SPEAKS

A warm welcome was accorded Mrs. Helen Street Ranney, who has come back to California for a few weeks to meet with and inspire us to fresh endeavors. She urged the discarding of things in life that hindered progress: worry, fear, lazy thinking, inferiority and nationalistic complexes, and to launch out into the deep after new methods of interesting our women in worth while things.

FRIEND OF KAGAWA WELCOMED

Professor Iwahashi of Kobe, blind philosopher, world scholar, and colleague of Kagawa, was our next speaker. With charming sincerity he told of the cold that resulted in his blindness when only twenty years of age, of his wrecked hopes and ambitions, and his contemplated suicide which was thwarted by a mother love that ultimately led to God. He said he was like the man in the Bible whom Jesus touched "that the works of God should be made manifest in him." As Japan's authority on John Milton, it was fitting that he should close his talk with a quotation from that poet: "Who best bears his mild yoke, they serve him best; his state is kingly."

PROGRAM OF FEDERATION FALL MEETING

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 17, 1934

12:30 **FALL LUNCHEON**—Federation of Congregational Women.
(Reservations for the luncheon should be made not later than Tuesday with Miss Laura Walker at the Information Desk. Tickets 35c.)
Mrs. Jason Noble Pierce, Toastmistress

Greetings from the hostess church: Mrs. Kate A. Maynard.

Soprano Solo: Grace King, accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Fotheringham.

Address: *"The Medical Work at Taiku."* Dr. Vincent E. Wagner

2:30 **FALL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**
Mrs. Frank J. Greene, President, presiding

Organ Prelude: Elizabeth Fotheringham
"Concert Overture in F".....*W. T. Best*
"The Chimes of St. Mark's" (Venice).....*Russolo*

Opening Hymn: *"O Worship the King"*—4.

Devotional Service: *"Spiritual Values at Oberlin"* Mrs. Harley H. Gill

Reports of Associational Presidents:
Modoc—Mrs. L. C. Smith, Adin.
San Joaquin—Mrs. Norman Henderson, Fresno.
Bay—Mrs. Herman F. Swartz, Berkeley.

Address: *"International Values."* Mrs. William Palmer Lucas

Offertory: Organ solo—*"Fountain Reverie"*.....*Percy Fletcher*
Elizabeth Fotheringham

Contralto solo: *"He Was Despised"* (Messiah).....*Handel*
May Taylor Elliott

Address: *"The Daughter of Mary and Martha."* Rev. Noel J. Breed

Closing Hymn: *"Saviour Again to Thy Dear Name"*—664.

Benediction

Organ Postlude.

PESCADERO. The church is making temporary arrangement with Rev. Victor H. Morgan of Woodside to look after its work. During the past few weeks Sunday School has been maintained by the local people, but they are looking forward now hopefully to the leadership which Mr. Morgan will bring.

SALIDA. A most attractive redecorating of the church has been completed, a grove of eighteen memorial trees has been planted, the street in front of the church has been leveled, an organ has been acquired, and all obligations connected with the improvement have been met. Rev. A. T. Davies is the pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. New curtains and window shades have been installed in the assembly room. A forum for college age young people is being organized for the purpose of reaching Chinese students who do not attend church. Mr. T. T. Taam, student at the Pacific School of Religion, serves as pastor and teacher.

EUREKA. Work on the foundation of the church building has been completed. A secretary has been employed for two months to help in an active fall campaign which is planned by Rev. Charles H. Hudson, pastor. The church will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary during the latter part of October.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. An encouraging response has come to the opening of Sunday evening services. The attendance has been largely on the part of young people. Rev. Stewart E. Locke is the pastor.

SOQUEL. Twenty-five dollars have already come in for benevolences through the Cent-a-Meal boxes. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is the pastor.

Modoc Visitation

The annual pilgrimage to Modoc County was made by a team of speakers, consisting of Mrs. Frank J. Greene of Petaluma, Mrs. Chester Marliave of Berkeley, Rev. E. T. Sherman of Lodi, and Rev. Harley H. Gill during the latter part of August. Conferences were held at Adin, Nubieber, and Alturas, and the regular Modoc Association meeting was held at Adin.

Rev. J. K. Ballou, formerly a Disciples minister, and at one time pastor of our Congregational church at Santa Rosa and now pastor at Alturas was admitted into full ministerial standing and subsequently elected as moderator. Mrs. Amy Jarman of Alturas will be the new registrar.

At Nubieber a lot and lumber have been contributed for the new community club house. This club house will be used by the Sunday School and church until such time as it seems advisable to erect a church edifice. A splendid interest is being shown by the Nubeiber people and the visitors who were present freely predict the establishment of a church in the near future.

Plans were finally completed at Alturas whereby the work among the Indians has been definitely assumed by the Woman's Missionary Society. Churches and individuals may continue to send clothing, toys, books, etc., in care of Rev. J. K. Ballou, and the women of the church will see to it that proper distribution is made.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The Fellowship of Youth held a retreat for a week-end with the pastor, Rev. D. W. Throckmorton. A beginning has been made in reducing the deficit which accumulated prior to and during the summer.

SAN CARLOS. About forty-five young people attended a social at the home of the pastor, Rev. R. B. Cherington, in Palo Alto.